REPORT SUMMARY

THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN PLACED INTO THE EXPEDITED APPROVAL PROCESS YOUR ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED BEFORE THE LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE. PLEASE SIGN and RETURN THE 'AGREEMENT TO CONDITIONS' LETTER IMMEDIATELY

Date of Consideration: **September 10, 2015**

File Number: **B61/15**

Applicant: **Mildred Brown**

Subject Lands: TOWN OF MINTO – Part Lot 15, Concession 17

Proposal is a request for consent to convey fee simple for a proposed severance 2.7 hectares (6.7 acres) with 242m frontage in the TOWN OF MINTO – Part Lot 15, Concession 17, existing and proposed rural residential use with existing house, shed & barn; retained lands are 28.9 hectares (71.4 acres).

ISSUES: none

SUMMARY of FILED REPORTS and COMMENTS:

Town of Minto – Council recommends approval of severance with conditions

County Planning - notice cards were posted at time of site visit; satisfied that current configuration represents appropriate location given overall policies of Plan; no new lots created since March 1, 2005; owned by applicant over five years; 2.7 ha lot size is large – satisfied that size justifies based on inclusion of pond and existing buildings; application is consistent with Provincial Policy and generally conforms to Official Plan – Secondary Agricultural and Core Greenlands; zoning relief required on barn

Conservation Authority (Saugeen Valley) – application for consent is acceptable to authority; if development or alteration, SVCA should be contacted as permission may be required

MNRF – there are no "known" species at risk records for subject property

Others – cover letter - explanation of proposal

PROPOSED CONDITIONS of APPROVAL

1) THAT the Owner's solicitor, in preparation for the issuance of the Certificate of Consent, provide to the Secretary-Treasurer of the County of Wellington Planning and Land Division Committee a printed copy of the "completed electronic transfer document in preparation".
2) THAT the Solicitor for the Owner give an undertaking in writing to provide to the Secretary-Treasurer of the County of Wellington Planning and Land Division Committee within 30 days of the date of registration in the Land Registry/Land Titles Office for Wellington (No. 61) a copy of the receipted and registered electronic transfer document including the Form 2 Certificate for Consent B61/15.
3) THAT the Owner, as provided for under Section 69 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, shall pay to the Treasurer of the County of Wellington the administrative fee which is in effect at the time of the payment of the fee for the review and issuance of the Certificate of Consent for the severed parcel.
4) THAT the transfer for registration with respect to description complies with Ontario Regulation 43-96; and if that description contains a reference to a Reference Plan(s), the Owner's solicitor **shall provide a full print of that deposited reference plan(s)** to the secretary-treasurer of the Planning and Land Division Committee.
5) THAT the Owner receive approval from the Town of Minto road authority in a manner deemed acceptable to that road authority for an entrance to the retained parcel; and further that the Town of Minto file a letter of clearance of this condition with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning and Land Division Committee as written proof of fulfillment of this condition.
6) THAT the Owner satisfy all the requirements of the local municipality, financial and otherwise which the local municipality may deem to be necessary at the time of issuance of the Certificate of Consent for the proper and orderly development of the subject lands; and further that the Local Municipality file with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning and Land Division Committee a letter of clearance of this condition.
7) THAT the Owner receive zoning compliance and classification from the Town of Minto in a manner deemed acceptable by the Town of Minto and County of Wellington for the severed and retained parcels; and that the Town of Minto and County of Wellington file with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning and Land Division Committee a letter of clearance of this condition.
8) THAT a grading and drainage plan be considered to address surface water flow from the retaned parcel over the severed parcel to the satisfaction of the Town of Minto; and further that the Town of Minto file a letter of clearance of this condition with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning and Land Division Committee as written proof of fulfillment of this condition.

*****Conditions may be deleted, added to, or changed at meeting*****

County of Wellington Planning and Land Division Committee
Deborah Turchet, Secretary-Treasurer
Wellington County Administration Centre
74 Woolwich Street, Guelph, ON N1H 3T9

August 27, 2015

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC FORUM

Pursuant to SECTION 53 of the ONTARIO PLANNING ACT and applicable Regulations

with respect to Application for consent,

File B61/15

APPLICANT

Mildred Brown
c/o Susan Zaryski
6139 12th Line
RR#1
Harriston ON N0B 1Z0

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS:

TOWN OF MINTO
Part Lot 15
Concession 17

Proposed severance is 2.7 hectares with 242m frontage, existing and proposed rural residential use with existing house, shed & barn.

Retained parcel is 28.9 hectares with 605m frontage on Bell's Road and 402m frontage on Given Road, existing and proposed agricultural and conservation.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Committee has appointed **THURSDAY, September 10, 2015**

for the purpose of considering this **EXPEDITED APPLICATION.**

CONSIDERATION WILL BE HELD IN THE: 3A (Keith Room)
County of Wellington Administration Centre
74 Woolwich Street
Guelph, Ontario N1H 3T9

NOTICE is being sent to you for your information. **THE OWNER, APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT, OR AUTHORIZED SOLICITOR IS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND**. MAKE SURE THAT THE AGREEMENT LETTER IS SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE PLANNING AND LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE OFFICE.

Please also be advised that if a person or public body that filed an appeal of a decision of the County of Wellington Planning and Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent has not made written submission to the County of Wellington Planning and Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, then the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

A Copy of the **DECISION** of the Committee will be sent **to the applicant, and to each person or agency who filed with the Secretary-Treasurer a written request for Notice of Decision.**

Additional Information regarding the application is available to the public during regular business hours, Monday to Friday at the County of Wellington Planning and Land Division Office, 74 Woolwich St. Guelph ON N1H 3T9

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TO: **Applicant – Mildred Brown**

Town of Minto

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August 14, 2015

Deborah Turchet, Secretary Treasurer
County of Wellington
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74 Woolwich Street
Guelph, Ontario N1H 3T9

Re: Severance Application B61/15

Dear Deborah:

The Council of the Town of Minto at their regular Council meeting held on August 11, 2015 approved the following motion;

THAT the Council recommends the County of Wellington Land Division Committee approve Severance Application B61/15 Mildred Brown, c/o Susan Zaryski, Part Lot 15, Concession 17, Town of Minto that the following conditions be considered:

1. **Prior to a certificate of consent being issued all financial requirements of the Town are met to the satisfaction of the Town of Minto.**

2. **The Owner obtains any required zoning amendments to the satisfaction of the County of Wellington and Town of Minto for the severed and retained parcels.**

3. **That a grading and drainage plan be considered to address surface water flow from the retained parcel over the severed parcel to the satisfaction of the ~~Conservation Authority~~.** Town of Minto D.T. per Stacey Pennington (Aug. 26/15)

4. **That an entrance permit is issued for the retained parcel to the Town's satisfaction.**

Should you require additional information, please contact Bill White C.A.O. Clerk at 519-338-2511. Ext. 222.

Sincerely

Stacey Pennington

Stacey Pennington
Building and Source Water Assistant

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Jana Poechman

From: Stacey Pennington <stacey@town.minto.on.ca>
Sent: August 14, 2015 2:57 PM
To: Jana Poechman; Deborah Turchet
Cc: Sarah Wilhelm; annilene@town.minto.on.ca
Subject: August 11 Council Follow Up: Application B61/15 Brown

Good Afternoon:
Please be advised that Council of the Town of Minto considered file B61/15 the above noted matter at its August 11 meeting and passed the following resolutions:

MOTION: COW 207-15
THAT the Council recommends the County of Wellington Land Division Committee approve Severance Application B61/15 Mildred Brown, c/o Susan Zaryski, Part Lot 15, Concession 17, Town of Minto that the following conditions be considered:

1. **Prior to a certificate of consent being issued all financial requirements of the Town are met to the satisfaction of the Town of Minto.**
2. **The Owner obtains any required zoning amendments to the satisfaction of the County of Wellington and Town of Minto for the severed and retained parcels.**
3. **That a grading and drainage plan be considered to address surface water flow from the retained parcel over the severed parcel to the satisfaction of the ~~Conservation Authority~~.** Town of Minto D.T.
4. **That an entrance permit is issued for the retained parcel to the Town's satisfaction.**

Thanks,

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Application	B61/15
Location	Part Lot 15, Concession 17 TOWN OF MINTO
Applicant/Owner	Mildred Brown

PLANNING OPINION: This application would sever a 2.7 ha (6.7 ac) rural residential lot in a Secondary Agricultural area with a dwelling, shed and barn. A vacant 28.9 ha (71.4 ac) parcel would be retained.

This application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and would generally conform to the Official Plan. We would have no concerns, provided that servicing can be accommodated to the satisfaction of the Town and that as a condition of approval:

a) safe driveway access can be provided to the satisfaction of the Town; and
b) zoning compliance is achieved for the accessory building(s) on the severed lot.

PLACES TO GROW: No issues.

PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT (PPS): According to Section 2.5.2.5 of the PPS "In known deposits or mineral aggregate resources and on adjacent lands, development and activities which would preclude or hinder the establishment of new operations or access to the resources shall only be permitted if:

a) resource use would not be feasible; or
b) the proposed land use or development serves a greater long-term public interest; and
c) issues of public health, public safety and environmental impact are addressed."

With respect to MDS1, we are satisfied that there is sufficient room for a 1 ha building envelope outside MDS1 arcs on the retained lands per Guideline 42.

WELLINGTON COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN: The subject property is designated SECONDARY AGRICULTURAL and CORE GREENLANDS. The property is also within the Mineral Aggregate Resource Overlay. The Core Greenlands designation protects hazard lands. The Core Greenlands designations appear to be well removed from the new lot.

According to Section 10.4.4, one new residential lot may be allowed from a parcel of land within the Secondary Agricultural designation, which existed on March 1, 2005, subject to the following criteria:

a) The lot generally meets a 0.4 ha minimum lot size and is not larger than needed to accommodate the intended residential use, consisting of the dwelling, accessory buildings and uses, and individual sewage and water services, while taking into account site constraints such as grading, sightlines, natural heritage features, hazardous lands, and Minimum Distance Separation requirements;
b) The accessory buildings referred to in a) above may include a hobby barn, subject to local regulations;
c) The lot has access to an open public road;
d) The residential use will not hinder or preclude the present use or future potential for agricultural or mineral aggregate operations;
e) The residential use is compatible with surrounding development;
f) The use is well removed from any settlement boundary;
g) The lands have been owned by the applicant for at least five years.

With respect to alternate lot locations, we are satisfied that the current configuration represents the most appropriate location given the overall policies of the Plan. No new lots have been created on the parcel since March 1, 2005 and the lands have been owned by the applicant for well over five years.

The 2.7 ha lot size is large, but we are satisfied that the size is justified based on the inclusion of a pond and existing buildings on the property.

The matters under Section 10.1.3 were also considered including:

b) that all lots can be adequately serviced with water, sewage....."
d) that all lots will have safe driveway access to an all-season maintained public road"
j) that natural resources such as agricultural land and mineral aggregates would not be affected adversely"

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m) that all new lots shall have logical lot lines given existing lot patterns in the area, natural and human-made features and other appropriate considerations."

With respect to mineral aggregates, as there are several existing residential uses nearby and there are no zoned or licenced pits in the immediate area, we feel that the impacts to the mineral aggregate area associated with the proposed development would not be significant.

LOCAL ZONING BY-LAW: The subject property is zoned Agricultural (A) and Natural Environment (NE). Both lots would meet the applicable lot area and frontage requirements.

The application form indicates that the existing barn will be used for storage and would therefore not be a hobby barn. The combined floor area of the barn and shed is 405 sq. m (4,360 sq. ft.), whereas the allowable maximum floor area is 209 sq. m (2,250 sq. ft.). The applicant would need to seek zoning relief to retain the barn.

SITE VISIT INFORMATION: The subject property was visited and photographed on July 22, 2015. Notice Cards were posted and the survey sketch appears to meet the application requirements.

Sarah Wilhelm, MCIP, RPP, Senior Planner
July 27, 2015

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ATTENTION: Deborah Turchet, Secretary – Treasurer, Land Division Committee

Dear Ms. Turchet,

RE: Application for Consent B61/15
6372 16th Line
Part Lot 15, Concession 17
Geographic Township of Minto
Town of Minto (Mildred Brown c/o Susan Zaryski)

The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) has reviewed this proposal in accordance with the SVCA's mandate and policies, and the Memorandum of Agreement between the Authority and the County of Wellington relating to plan review. The purpose of this application is to sever a 2.7 hectare parcel with existing house, shed, and barn and retain a 28.9 hectare parcel. The application for consent is acceptable to the SVCA. The following comments are offered.

Natural Heritage

The Significant Natural Heritage features affecting this property are the wetlands, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) and significant habitat of threatened or endangered species. The wetlands on and adjacent to the north, south, and east of this property form part of the Clifford-Harriston Complex, which has been evaluated by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) as a Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW). There are also wetlands adjacent to the west of the property that form part of the South Saugeen River Complex PSW. Two ANSIs are located on adjacent lands to this property, one located to the south of the property being part of the Drew Area Earth Science ANSI; and one to the west of the property, being part of South Saugeen River Life Science ANSI.

Threatened & Endangered Species

It has come to the attention of the SVCA that habitat of endangered species or threatened species may be located in the area of the proposed development. Provided the applicable legislation referenced by Section 2.1.7

of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) is addressed by the applicant associated with this proposal then Threatened or Endangered Species polices have been accommodated by the proposed. Please contact the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to address this policy.

Wellington County Official Plan

According to the Wellington County Official Plan Schedule A5 Minto, portions of the property are designated as Core Greenlands. For this property the Core Greenlands designation includes portions of the Clifford-Harriston Complex Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW).

Section 5.6.3 of the Wellington County Official Plan states in part, "Where development is proposed in the Greenland system or on adjacent lands, the County or local municipality shall require the developer to...prepare where required, an environmental impact assessment to address potential impacts." It is the understanding of the Authority that no new development is being proposed as part of this application therefore in the opinion of the SVCA, an EIS is not warranted.

Town of Minto Zoning By-law 01-86

Portions of the property are zoned Natural Environment (NE) in the Town of Minto Zoning By-law 01-86. It is the understanding of the Authority that the NE zone will remain unchanged.

SVCA Regulation

The landowner is advised that virtually the entire parcel to be severed, as well as portions of the parcel to be retained are subject to the SVCA's Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alterations to Shoreline and Watercourses Regulation (Ontario Regulation 169/06, as amended). This Regulation is in accordance with Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O, Chap. C. 27, and requires that a person obtain the written permission of the SVCA prior to any "development" in a Regulated Area or alteration to a wetland or watercourse.

Although mapping showing the Regulation Limits on the subject property is not available at this time, the Natural Environment (NE) zone plus a 50 metre screening distance from the zone boundary, or the Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) plus a 120 metre offset distance from the PSW boundary, whichever is greater, should be used as an approximate screening area within which the Regulation could apply. Alternatively, to determine where the SVCA's area of interest is located associated with our Regulation on the property please refer to the SVCA's online mapping program, available via the SVCA's website at http://eprweb.svca.on.ca. Watercourses, regardless of the zoning are subject to the SVCA's Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alterations to Shoreline and Watercourses Regulation (Ontario Regulation 169/06, as amended). Please note that the Regulated Area on this property may extend onto the property based on features that exist on neighboring properties.

"Development" and Alteration

Subsection 28(25) of the Conservation Authorities Act defines "development" as:

a) *the construction, reconstruction, erection or placing of a building or structure of any kind,*

b) *any change to a building or structure that would have the effect of altering the use or potential use of the building or structure, increasing the size of the building or structure or increasing the number of dwelling units in the building or structure,*
c) *site grading, or*
d) *the temporary or permanent placing, dumping or removal of any material, originating on the site or elsewhere.*

According to Section 5 of Ontario Regulation 169/06, as amended, alteration generally includes the straightening, diverting or interference in any way with a river, creek, stream or watercourse, or the changing or interfering in any way with a wetland.

Permission for Development or Alteration

If development or alteration including construction, reconstruction, conversion, grading, filling or excavation is proposed within the approximate screening area, which may be Regulated Area on the property, the SVCA should be contacted, as permission may be required.

Conclusion

All of the plan review functions listed in the Agreement have been assessed with respect to this proposal. The SVCA is of the opinion that this application for consent appears to conform to the relevant policies of the Wellington County Official Plan and Provincial Policies referred to in the Agreement. The application for consent is acceptable to the Authority.

We trust this information is helpful. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Michael Oberle

Michael Oberle
Environmental Planning Technician
Saugeen Conservation

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cc: Jana Poechman – Land Division Committee Clerk – Wellington County (via email)
Mildred Brown c/o Susan Zaryski, owner (6139 – 12th Line, RR # 1 Harriston, Ontario, N0G 1Z0)
Steve McCabe, SVCA Director (via email)

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Jana Poechman, Land Division Clerk
Planning and Development Department
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Ontario, N1H 3T9

Re: Mildred Brown Consent Applications (File No: B61-15) – Part Lot 15, Concession 17, on Attached Severance Sketch – Town of Minto, County of Wellington – MNRF Comments.

Hi Jana,

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Guelph District Office can confirm receipt of the Mildred Brown application for consent (File No: B61/15). County Planning Staff have requested that the MNRF review the application for any species at risk information that may be relevant for the subject property. The MNRF has had an opportunity to review the species information and records for the area, and can offer the following technical comments for consideration.

It is understood that the proposed consent will create a new 2.7 ha lot, and retain a 28.9 ha lot. The application notes that the severed lot contains existing and proposed rural residential use, including an existing house, shed and barn. It is also understood that the purpose of the retained lot is for existing and proposed agricultural and conservation uses.

MNRF Comments

The Ministry notes that there are no 'known' species at risk records for the subject property. However, because the province has not been surveyed comprehensively for the presence of listed species, the absence of a record is not an appropriate indicator for the absence of species at risk from an area. Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark are known for the areas adjacent to the subject property. It would appear from air-photo review that suitable habitat (e.g. cultural meadow) for both species may be on the proposed severed and retained lots. Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark are listed as threatened under the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), and they receive individual and general habitat protection under the Act.

Please be advised that the creation of a new lot (consent application) under the *Planning Act* would not require an authorization under the ESA. Any development or activities however, that would be permitted through the creation of a new lot (e.g. new single detached dwelling) may require an authorization under the Act if it would kill, harm, or harass a listed species, or damage or destroy protected habitat.

If suitable habitat for Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark is present, and may be impacted by development within the proposed severed lot, the MNRF recommends that a survey be completed to confirm presence or absence of the species. This survey would help to inform the potential implications of the ESA.

Both Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark are included under Section 23.6 of Ontario Regulation 242/08. Under Section 23.6, certain activities may be allowed that would impact these species, provided the requirements of the regulation are followed. It is also recommended that the regulation be reviewed and implemented by the landowner as appropriate if occupied habitat for these species may be impacted.

It is also recommended that the landowner be made aware that the ESA is dynamic legislation, which is updated periodically. The ESA may be amended as a result of species assessment and re-assessment, which can change the level of protection for species' and their habitats. More information about the ESA can be accessed on this webpage: http://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/how-get-endangered-species-act-permit-or-authorization.

The Ministry hopes that the above technical comments on the ESA are of assistance. It may also be appropriate to provide these comments to the applicant for their review. MNRF staff can provide recommended survey protocols for Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark on request.

If further comment or clarification is required please contact the undersigned.

Regards,

TMcKenna

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cc: Melinda Thompson, MNRF
Dave Marriott, MNRF
Mark Van Patter, County of Wellington

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Notes Regarding Severance Application - Pt. Lot 15, Con. XVII Minto

There are inherent characteristics of the property that are reflected in the size and shape of the parcel to be severed. First, the road angles through the property, and the buildings were built a century ago in this angle. So there is some land in the southeast corner that is more or less cut off from the rest of the farm. But it should be noted that this land is very hilly, and poorly drained at the bottom, so is essentially non-agricultural land.

Second, in order to get boundary clearance from the barn, the proposed severance has to go a certain distance into the field to the north. It is the intention of the potential buyer to maintain the barn for storage and for its inherent heritage value.

The proposal is to keep the pond with the buildings, partly for aesthetics, and partly to prevent it from being drained, as has happened to so many of the wetlands in the area recently. The pond is adjacent to several acres of recently planted reforestation, which in a few years will be teeming with deer and other wildlife. This pond will provide that wildlife with a source of water and nesting sites. Otherwise this wildlife would have to cross the road to the lake for water. The road in this area is very winding, full of turns blinded by coniferous trees, and hilly. So hazardous is the road that the posted speed limit is a mere 30 kph, less than half the usual speed limit of 80 on rural roads. And of course, maintaining the pond would also help maintain a stable water table.

This application has tried to keep the buildings and pond together, while taking as little agricultural land as possible.